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Applicant:	BRUCE <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Seth, M.
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Filed:	April 11, 2001	Docket No.:	AMDA.486PA (TT4000)
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Title:	THREE-DIMENSIONAL TOMOGRAPHY		

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's statement for allowance could be construed to imply that the claimed invention was allowed because the reference of record did not disclose certain aspects of the invention. The characterized aspects, however, if indeed found in the prior art, would not render the claimed invention invalid under §102 because the claimed invention includes a number of other limitations. With respect to §103, the rigors of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness include not only showing that the prior art teaches the entire claimed invention (all limitations are to be considered), but also that combining the various prior art references is suggested in the art or that there would be motivation to make the combination. The Reasons provided do not appear to be necessarily inconsistent herewith.

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Unless Applicant hears otherwise, Applicant's comments herein are, as intended,
clarifying in a manner consistent with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ Amendment after Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, 3 sheets.
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are 7 sheets of Formal Drawings, identified as Figures 1-7.
The drawings filed previously were informal.

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